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WHY SAN FRANCISCO DESIRES TO PURCHASE SPRING VALLEY

The following twelve reasons are an epitome of those given by the Advisory Committee for the purchase of the Spring Valley properties. The city has spent nearly $150,000 in having an appraisement of the properties made, and the recommendation is based upon the result of that appraisement.

The Advisory Water Committee consists of ex-Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Matt I. Sullivan, Chairman; Mayor James Rolph, Jr., Supervisor Alexander T. Vogelsang, Chairman of the Public Utilities Committee; Supervisor Thomas Jennings, Chairman of the Finance Committee; City Attorney Percy V. Long and City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy.

1. The properties offered to the city comprise 68,000 acres of land, all the water rights, reservoirs, dams, rights of way, pipe lines, etc., needed for a water supply. The price of $34,500,000 is so close to the value fixed by the city's experts that the committee is satisfied the price is right.

2. The system of the Spring Valley Water Company, if purchased for $34,500,000, will be not only self-supporting from the start, but will make money for the city.

3. The purchase and operation of the plant by the city it is estimated will net the city $750,000 for the first year of operation and will be making a profit of at least $1,000,000 annually in ten years.

4. The completion of the Calaveras dam and reservoir will increase the city's water supply by 50 per cent. This will add a like amount to the revenue that will be obtained.

5. The supply of water that can be obtained by developing the Spring Valley sources will take care of the city until she has a population of at least 750,000 people.

6. By the purchase of the system further trouble and litigation between the city and the company will cease. And $1,000,000 of the moneys now impounded in the courts will be returned to the ratepayers.

7. The unsettled portions of the Richmond, Sunset, University Mound, Excelsior Homestead, Sunnyside, Ocean View and Holly Park districts will build up if given water.

8. The city has spent $500,000,000 in rebuilding operations since the fire, and $50,000,000 more are being spent on the Exposition, yet the city cannot grow unless the water mains are extended.

9. No extensions have been made to the Spring Valley mains since 1906. The growth of the city has been stunted. Population that would ordinarily have come here has gone elsewhere.

10. The population of the bay cities since the last census has increased three and four times faster than that of San Francisco owing to her lack of water mains and fire protection in the outlying districts.

11. The Richmond District, with the best car service of any district in the city, remains unsettled for the lack of water.

12. San Francisco, with the exception of Denver and Oakland, is the only large city left in the United States that does not own and control her own water supply.

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